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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: BUECHLER et al.

Title: METHOD FOR MONITORING
THE STATUS OF ASSAY AND
IMMUNOASSAY

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action, made final, mailed on February 26, 2002 ("Paper No. 13"), please consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

The instant application is related in part to apparatuses and kits that utilize one or more assay controls for monitoring the performance of assays. Such controls provide a measurable signal that is generated in connection with, but that is independent of, a signal obtained from the assay for an analyte of interest, typically through the use of members of a binding pair that do not bind to any analyte(s) targets for detection by the assay device, or to any assay reagents used to